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## MINUTES

### COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

December 8, 2011  
Nebraska State Capitol, Room 1113  
Lincoln, Nebraska

*Public notice of meeting*

Public notice of time and place of regular meeting was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2011. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

DR. JOYCE D. SIMMONS, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:47 a.m.*

#### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop	Dr. Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen	Eric Seacrest
Dr. Joyce Simmons	W. Scott Wilson
John Winkleblack	Carol Zink

#### Commissioners Absent

Dr. Dick Davis

#### Commission Staff Present

Miste Adamson-DaMoude	Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Katherine Green	Dr. Marshall Hill
Jason Keese	Kadi Lukesh
Dr. Carna Pfeil	Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of September 29, 2011  
Commission meeting approved*

#### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

**Commissioner Adam moved that the September 29, 2011 minutes be approved. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

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## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Simmons thanked everyone for their support during her term as Commission Chair.

*Chair Simmons announced Commissioner Zink will head 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration committee*

Chair Simmons announced that Commissioner Zink has volunteered to head the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration committee in 2012.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chair Seacrest announced nominations for 2012 Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members*

Committee Chair Seacrest announced the Committee's nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members to make up the 2012 Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended approval of Dr. Ron Hunter to serve as Commission Chair from January 1 through December 31, 2012; Riko Bishop to serve as Commission Vice Chair from January 1 through December 31, 2012; and, Colleen Adam and Dr. Joyce Simmons to serve on the Executive Committee from January 1 through December 31, 2012.

*2012 Commission Chair approved*

**Committee Chair Seacrest, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the nomination of Dr. Ron Hunter to serve as Commission Chair. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Hunter abstained with all other commissioners present voting yes.**

*2012 Commission Vice Chair approved*

**Committee Chair Seacrest, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the nomination of Riko Bishop to serve as Commission Vice Chair. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Bishop abstained with all other commissioners present voting yes.**

*2012 Executive Committee members approved*

**Committee Chair Seacrest, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the nominations of Colleen Adam and Joyce Simmons to serve on the Executive Committee along with the newly-elected Chair and Vice Chair. A roll call vote was taken Commissioners Simmons and Adam abstained with all other commissioners present voting yes.**

*Dr. Hill speaks about out-of-service area authorizations*

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director, reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from Cozad High School in Cozad, NE  
Delivered to Anselmo-Merna High School in Merna, NE
  - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.) 1/3/12-5/19/12
2. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from St. Paul High School in St. Paul, NE. Delivered to Dodge High School in Dodge, NE
  - MATH 2020 College Statistics (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12

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3. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from ESU #10 in Kearney, NE  
Delivered to Loup County High School in Taylor, NE
    - ENGL 2340 American Literature (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  4. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE  
Delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE
    - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  5. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE  
Delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE
    - HIST 2020 American History After 1877 (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  6. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE  
Delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE
    - ECON 2110 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  7. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from David City High School in David City, NE. Delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE
    - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  8. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from Madison High School in Madison, NE. Delivered to Sargent high School in Sargent, NE
    - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  9. Offered by Central Community College  
Traditional delivery by a CCC Leadership Trainer at Adams Land & Cattle Facility in Broken Bow, NE
    - BSAD 1920 Leading & Motivating (3 cr.) 3/8/12-5/3/12
  10. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE  
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
    - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  11. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from Madison High School in Madison, NE. Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
    - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12
  12. Offered by Central Community College  
Traditional delivery at Madison High School in Madison, NE
    - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.) 1/9/12-5/3/12

*Kadi Lukesh speaks about 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report*

Ms. Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, briefed Commissioners on the Commission's first quarter report for fiscal year 2011-12. Ms. Lukesh explained statutes require us to pay out unused vacation time earned by an employee who no longer works at the Commission within two weeks of the final work day.

*Dr. Pfeil reported on NCTA's new Education Center and other activity on the campus*

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration, gave an oral presentation on the dedication of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture's (NCTA) new Education Center. Dr. Pfeil participated in a tour that covered the new education facility, as well as the newly constructed

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*Dr. Hill updates Commissioners on term expirations and those reappointed*

dorm facility. The veterinary technician program has remodeled its barn, which now includes a clinic for students to practice in. Dr. Pfeil anticipates receiving a budget request from NCTA to add new faculty members in order to increase enrollment and use the new facilities to their full potential.

Dr. Hill informed Commissioners that Riko Bishop, Carol Zink, Joyce Simmons, and Dick Davis' Commissioner terms are due to expire December 31, 2011. The Governor has reappointed Riko Bishop, Carol Zink, and Joyce Simmons to new six-year terms. Dr. Dick Davis was not reappointed by the Governor. Dr. Hill expects an announcement from the Governor on Dr. Davis' replacement before the end of December.

Dr. Hill announced that the person who had been hired as a part-time replacement in the Executive Assistant position decided not to take the job. Since the Commission has saved some money by not paying someone in that position, a portion of the funds are going to be used to replace old and outdated computers for some of the staff.

*Public Hearing on matters of general concern*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

**Chair Simmons closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.**

*Dan Duncan presents information about progress and plans at Nebraska's Innovation Campus*

**NEBRASKA INNOVATION CAMPUS**

Dan Duncan, Executive Director of Nebraska's Innovation Campus, discussed strategic partnerships with private industry and provided the following information. There are three elements within UNL that are working on these partnerships. First is a company called New Tech Ventures owned by the University of Nebraska. New Tech helps develop support systems for start-up companies. The second entity is Industry Relations. Industry Relations is approximately three years old with one employee. This entity helps small businesses access the University. The "third leg of the stool" is Innovation Campus, which enables companies to work in very unique situations along with the University.

The three broad themes for Innovation Campus are food, fuel, and water. One of the grandest challenges to mankind is the ability to feed people with quality food. Since Nebraska is 93% agricultural, this makes the University a great fit for the challenge. However, other industries will also be welcome at Innovation Campus, not just those involved in these three themes.

Mr. Duncan believes that many companies that come to Innovation Campus will use the Nebraska Advantage Act to match funds for internships for undergraduate as well as graduate students.

The Industrial Arts Building is still standing at its original site. The hope is to come up with a good compromise between preservation and modern usage of the building. The need for marketable space is really what is driving how

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this building is renovated. Complete restoration of the building would be too costly to be able to recoup the investment.

There are currently over 600 university research parks in operation. The University of Nebraska has taken bits and pieces from several different research parks in an effort to benchmark what has worked well in some parks while also avoiding becoming only a real estate development area. Every tenant recruited into Innovation Campus must be approved by the Innovation Campus Board of Directors.

Innovation Campus' agreement with its developer is that once a facility is 50% committed, they build it. The developer's past experience has been that by the time the building is complete and ready to open, all of the space is leased.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

*Ron Withem from UNL*

Ron Withem, Associate Vice President of University Affairs and Director of Government Relations at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, announced that Linda Major and Nancy Mitchell from University of Nebraska-Lincoln were present in the audience to answer any questions regarding the Civic Engagement undergraduate certificate proposal.

**Commissioner Zink closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee items.**

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*Creative Center*

#### **Creative Center's Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

*Dr. Fimple summarizes changes resulting from LB 637*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, gave a summary of the changes resulting from LB 637, which was passed in an effort to simplify the reporting regulations and eliminate overlaps for postsecondary institutions between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. This bill had an emergency clause, which means it went into effect in May 2011 when it was signed by the Governor. Because there were institutions waiting in the wings, staff wrote up interim procedures, but formal rules need to be drafted and eventually approved by the Commissioners.

*Dr. Fimple explains the Postsecondary Institution Act*

The Postsecondary Institution Act, which was part of LB 637, required all institutions that had previously been approved as a new or out-of-state institution to apply for renewal between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Any institution that does not apply for renewal between those dates is not authorized to operate in Nebraska after December 31, 2011. Statutes specify that the renewal "may be on such terms and conditions as the commission may specify" and "shall be for a five-year period unless the

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commission determines that a shorter period of time is appropriate...”

*Dr. Hill comments on the rule writing process*

Dr. Hill spoke of the time-consuming and complex nature of writing these rules. This is a difficult process that will be challenging, however, worth the effort in the end.

*Dr. Fimple reviews the application*

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and answered general questions.

*Creative Center’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Creative Center’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate and baccalaureate level, limited to the AOS in Design Illustration and Computer Graphics and BFA in Graphic Design through December 31, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Strayer University*

**Strayer University’s Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

*Dr. Fimple discusses the application*

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and answered general questions.

*Strayer University’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Strayer University’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master’s levels, limited to programs in business administration through December 31, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Central Michigan State University*

**Central Michigan State University’s Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

*Dr. Fimple presents the application*

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners. The majority of students are active or retired military; however, civilian students occasionally attend their programs. Because the University chooses to open their programs to the general public, they must receive the Commission’s approval to operate.

*Central Michigan State University’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Central Michigan State University’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master’s level, limited to the Master of Science in Administration through December 31, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present**



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**voting yes.**

*Adjourned for break at 10:20 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.*

*UNL – Civic Engagement  
(Undergraduate Certificate)*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s proposal for a new instructional program: Civic Engagement (Undergraduate Certificate)**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Civic Engagement (Undergraduate Certificate), with a report on the number of students enrolled and the courses selected by them to meet the program requirements due June 30, 2014.

*Dr. Fimple discusses the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal to Commissioners. This certificate would be available across campus with a huge number of courses that could meet the requirements. This can be in any discipline, any field of study.

*Dr. Hill comments on the proposal*

Dr. Hill commented that this is a common practice across the country. He commends the University of Nebraska for bringing this forward as an example of something that can add value for students.

*Linda Major from UNL*

Linda Major, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, stated that the university has not been recruiting for this program before it is approved by the Commission. Currently there are four colleges that have students that supply assistance and services to the public for which they don’t receive classroom credits; it is these students that will benefit from this new program. For instance, business students supplying income tax services, and cross-cultural mentors serving teen refugees at North Star High School.

*Nancy Mitchell from UNL*

Nancy Mitchell, Director of Undergraduate Education at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, commented that the proposed program will allow students to apply their area of study to “real life.”

*UNL Civic Engagement  
(Undergraduate Certificate)  
approved*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a new instructional program: Civic Engagement (Undergraduate Certificate), with a report on the number of students enrolled and the courses selected by them to meet the program requirements due June 30, 2014. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Existing Program Review  
approved by the Executive  
Director*

**Existing Program Review**

Executive Director Dr. Marshall Hill approved continuation of the following existing programs, whose productivity fell within Commission thresholds.

**University of Nebraska at Omaha**

Chemistry – BA, BS

Geography – BA, BS, BGS, MA

Environmental Studies-Geography and Planning – BS

Geographic Information System – Graduate Certificate

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Central Community College  
Early Childhood Education – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College  
Early Childhood Education – AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College  
Early Childhood Education – AA, Diploma

Southeast Community College  
Early Childhood Education – AAS

**Action Items for Existing Program Reviews**

*MPCC Medical Laboratory  
Technician program*

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS) program at Mid-Plains Community College, with a report on enrollment and productivity due September 30, 2013.

Mid-Plains Community College  
Medical Laboratory Technician – AAS

*MPCC Medical Laboratory  
Technician program continued*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS) program at Mid-Plains Community College, with a report on enrollment and productivity due September 30, 2013. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*UNO Geology  
UNO Environmental Studies-  
Earth Science*

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha – Geology (BS, BA); Environmental Studies-Earth Science (BS), with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due October 15, 2013.

University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Geology – BS, BA  
Environmental Studies-Earth Science - BS

*UNO Geology and  
Environmental Studies-Earth  
Science continued*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the following programs from the University of Nebraska at Omaha – Geology (BS, BA); Environmental Studies-Earth Science (BS), with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due October 15, 2013. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*PSC Mathematics*

**Peru State College's Follow-up Report on Mathematics (BS, BA)**

The Academic Programs Committee encourages Peru State College to pursue strategies for increasing the number of math majors and retaining them through graduation. The Committee recommended continuation of the program, with a report on the college's efforts and on enrollments and graduation rates, due September 30, 2013.

*Dr. Fimple presents the report*

Dr. Fimple presented information from the report and answered general



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*PSC Mathematics program continued*

questions from Commissioners.

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the Mathematics program at Peru State College with a report on the college's efforts and on enrollments and graduation rates, due September 30, 2013. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*UNO Sociology*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha's Follow-up Report on Sociology (MA)**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2014.

*Dr. Fimple reviews the report*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report.

*UNO Sociology program continued*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the Sociology program at University of Nebraska at Omaha, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2014. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*WSC Special Education*

**Wayne State College's Follow-up Report on Special Education (MSE)**

The Academic Programs Committee concurs with the institution's decision to discontinue the program.

Dr. Fimple reported that Wayne State College is actively recruiting undergraduate majors in special education.

*WSC Special Education program discontinued*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to concur with the institution's decision to discontinue the program. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Program Deletion*

**Information Items: Program Deletion**

SCC – Laboratory Science Technology (AAS)

*Center Eliminations*

**Center Eliminations**

UNL – Lentz Center for Asian Culture

UNL – Center for Albanian Studies

*Institution Location Change*

**Institution Location Change**

ITT Technical Institute – Effective December 2011 will move from 9814 M Street, Omaha, NE, to 1120 North 103<sup>rd</sup> Plaza, Suite 200, Omaha, NE

*Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony regarding Planning and Consumer Information Committee items.

**Commissioner Lauritzen moved that the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information committee items be closed.**

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## **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

*Dual Enrollment and Career Academies report*

### **LB 637 Study of Dual Enrollment and Career Academies in Nebraska**

The Planning and Consumer Information Committee recommended approval of the report.

*Dr. Hill comments on the report*

Dr. Marshall Hill commented on the success of dual enrollment and other factors that prompted the study. Dr. Hill stated that Nebraska's data regarding dual enrollment is inadequate as compared to other states. There were wide differences of opinion as to uniform policy and standards for dual enrollment among members of the Commission's advisory committee.

*Jason Keese presents the report*

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, reported highlights from the LB 637 Study of Dual Enrollment and Career Academies in Nebraska in a PowerPoint presentation.

*Motion to amend report to include student problems*

**Commissioner Seacrest moved to amend the recommendation portion of the report with revisions (stated prior to the recommendations) to include a summary of student problems that have arisen in regard to dual enrollment. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Dual Enrollment and Career Academies report approved*

**Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the report. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Consent Agenda*

### **Consent Agenda**

The Executive Committee recommends that the Commission begin use of a consent agenda at the first meeting of 2012 and that the usefulness of the procedure be evaluated at the end of 2013 to determine whether it should be continued.

*Dr. Hill discusses consent agenda*

Dr. Marshall Hill presented the process of employing a consent agenda and answered general questions from Commissioners.

*Consent Agenda approved*

**Chair Simmons, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to begin using a consent agenda at the first meeting of 2012. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Next Commission Meeting:  
January 19, 2012*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012. The meeting will be a videoconference meeting originating from NET in Lincoln, Nebraska, with participation sites to be announced.

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*Commissioner Zink discusses latest MHEC meeting*

*Chair Simmons is presented a commemorative plaque*

*Meeting adjourned 12:19 p.m.*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Zink announced that she and Dr. Hill attended the latest MHEC meeting in Iowa November 13 – 15, 2011. During the meeting, representatives from each state spoke about progress within their states.

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, presented Chair Simmons with a plaque commemorating her two years of service as the Chair of the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.